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In re Application of: **HIROKI  
KITAORI ET AL.**

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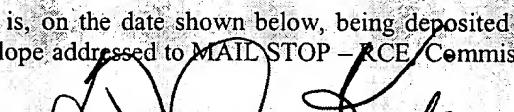
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period ending August 25, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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